

Merry Christmas

The

Happy New Year



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Shaker Heights High School, Shaker Heights, Ohio

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A Cappella Sings Handel's 'Messiah' In Annual Christmas Alumni Concert

Eighteen years ago Frank Stafford, an alumnus of Shaker High, was a member of the A Cappella Choir. Mr. Stafford will be returning this year to assume the role of soloist in the presentation of the Christmas Section of George Frederick Handel's "Messiah."



A Cappella Section leaders: (Back row) Allan Roth, David Walker, Bill Marshall, Peter Machamer; (Mid. row) Carolyn Blake, Evelyn Kuhn, Bonnie Lang, Sunny Moss; (seated) Steve Davies, treasurer; Pattie Murphy, secretary; Christopher von Baeyer, president; Alan Benson, vice-president.

The "Messiah," to be performed by the A Cappella Choir and the Singers' Club on December 19, 1958, at 8:30 p. m. in the auditorium, will be conducted by Reynold Ellis. He will be assisted by F. Broadus Staley, organist; Jane Hitchcock, soprano; Betty Jane Struhar, contralto; Harold Matthews, tenor; and Frank Stafford, bass. Tickets for the Christmas Concert, costing seventy-five cents, can be bought from any member of the Choir. It is advisable for students to purchase their tickets prior to the concert, for it cannot be assured that there will be many tickets on sale at the door.

Handel, who lived from 1685 to 1759 and was a contemporary of Bach, composed the entire "Messiah."

Gifts, Singing, and Food At Hi-Y's Orphans' Party

This year approximately 35 boys and girls from six to twelve years of age attended a very special Christmas party.

The Hi-Y Party for Orphans, sponsored yearly by the senior chapter of Hi-Y, under the direction of Robert Brown, was held on December 14, 1958, at the Heights Y. Each senior boy and his date was responsible for one younger boy and girl.

The program, which included the singing of Christmas carols, was planned by Al Benson. Gifts bought by Laurie Osborn and wrapped by John Anderson's committee were given to each child. Bill Stillwell headed the refreshment committee and the members of Hi-Y's sophomore chapter served the children.

Also attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Bristol, Fred Holzhauser, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pickering.

The party broke up at 6:00 p. m. after an afternoon full of food, gifts, and songs.

Holidays Brightened For Needy Families

Christmas will be more than "just another day" in the homes of sixty needy Cleveland families. As a result of our Welfare Drive, many children will see toys under their Christmas trees for the first time.

The drive was held during the week of December 8. Each home-room "adopted" a family desiring financial support to brighten its holiday season. The names were furnished by the County Welfare Bureau.

The plan has proved very successful in past years. It was adopted because it gives worthy families who are being helped by the county an extra lift, and enables them to obtain some badly needed articles.

One of the beneficiaries of our Welfare Drive is Mrs. Anna B., a blind widow. Without our support she would have been forced to give up some of her activities in the Society of the Blind because her present winter coat no longer keeps her warm.

Harry M. is completely disabled and cared for by an elderly mother. Her task would be eased with the purchase of an electric shaver.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. has three small children. She has found it hard to be both a mother and father since her husband deserted her a few years ago. She will use the money for toys and clothing to make her children's holiday a happy one.

The families are very grateful for the assistance given them by the Shaker students. A member of County Welfare writes, "How fortunate we are in Cleveland to have many fine young folks, who generously give of their time so that the less fortunate can enjoy a happy holiday season."

New Thespian Members Initiated; Other Thespians Receive Honors

Shaker High School's Troupe 815 of the National Thespian Society initiated 20 new members by lighting the seven candles of dramatic arts. New members received membership cards and certificates while old members who had obtained the necessary point totals were awarded stars and bars in recognition of their achievement.

Thespian president Eric Carson presided over the initiation, held in the small auditorium on Friday, December 6. He turned the proceedings over to Sunny Moss, who lit the first candle in honor of Speech, man's most basic art. Candles representing Dance and Pantomime, Writing, Music and Literature were lit by other Thespian members who described the significance of each candle.

The sixth candle honors Thespis, the Greek playwright who first used the mask and actors with speaking lines. The society is named in his honor; and the society's symbol, the double mask, represents the use he made of the mask of the Grecian stage. The seventh candle represents the Drama.

David Pizzini received the bar of an honor Thespian. After the formal initiation the troupe adjourned to the social room for entertainment, under the direction of Alorie Boyle, and a pot luck supper.

Students and Faculty Chaperones Visit New York During Winter Vacation

"There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight" when 136 naive country dwellers hit the big city. These are the Shakerites participating in the school's yearly trek to New York City

A letter was sent out to parents on October 14 inviting all Shaker students to join Robert J. Morris and Fred Heinlen on the fourth New York trip.

It should be understood that the trip is in no way sponsored by the school.

Those Shakerites participating will leave Cleveland Terminal on the morning of Friday, December 26. They will arrive in New York that evening and will check in at the Hotel New Yorker.

While in New York, they will see three Broadway plays: *My Fair Lady*, *Say, Darling*, and *Look Homeward Angel*. They will go on two guided tours, one of Lower Manhattan, and the other of Upper Manhattan, including the United Nations Building. They will witness Radio City Music Hall's Christmas show and visit tele-

Y-Teens Give Cheer With Yule Projects

Stuffed animals, Christmas cookies, snowflake mobiles—sophomore, junior, and senior Y-Teens sent this Christmas cheer to the needy as part of their 1958 Christmas projects. Boys also got into the project when the junior chapter used them as judges for a Christmas cookie baking contest.

The seniors, headed by service chairman Nancy Collins, combined the customary Thanksgiving and Christmas service projects into a larger Christmas one. Monday, December 5, 20 seniors gave a Christmas party for children ranging in ages from 3 to 6 years at Corey Day Nursery. These seniors went armed with a Christmas mural they had made for the nursery and the stuffed animals they had been collecting and cleaning up for several weeks.

Also included in the senior project were carol sings at Ingleside Hospital, The Rose Home, and Madomu Home. The girls brought cookies they had made for the patients to the Rose Home and Madomu Home.

"Our Christmas project was a great success," commented Peggy Kemper, junior service chairman. Monday, December 15, the juniors met for a carol sing and cookie baking contest. Dick Johns, Roger Klein, Don Stern, Doug Bell, Matt Harris, Chuck Pitcock, and John Foster made up the panel of judges. The cookies were sent to hospitals and orphanages.

Christmas cookies for the U.S.O. and Christmas caroling at a nursing home were included in the sophomore project. Headed by Chairman Lisa Houk, the sophomores also made snowflake mobiles from construction paper and hangers for two nursing homes.

For each of you I wish health and happiness during the Holiday Season and the New Year.

With you I join in gratitude for a Great Teacher who taught and practiced peace and goodwill to all mankind.

Russell H. Rupp

Panicked Seniors Await 'Test' Days

As the dates of the Ohio Scholarship Test and College Boards again roll around, most juniors and seniors will attest to the fact that there definitely should be a new season called Testing added to the universal four!

The Ohio Scholarship Test, scheduled for Thursday afternoon, January 8, will be taken by 150 high school students, all in the top 40 per cent of the class. The test will last three hours, from 1:30 to 4:30, and is divided into five 30-minute sections, namely English (including literature), Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Reading.

The Ohio Department of Education has made this test possible and has provided for three types of recognition to be awarded to students in Ohio who rank exceptionally well in this test. A state certificate will be awarded to each student in the top 5 per cent of the state, a district certificate will be awarded to each student in the top 10 per cent of the district, and each student who ranked in the top 20 per cent of the county will receive a county certificate.

Morning College Boards only will be given on January 10. About 500 students from Shaker and neighboring schools will take this all-important test at the high school. The afternoon College Boards will be given in March.

These tests are dreaded by some, feared by others, and hated by still more. However, if each Shaker student did not have the opportunity to take them, he would be bitterly disappointed.

In Memory of Santa

Do you remember when you believed in Santa Claus . . . the mysterious and magical days spent in writing letters to him, the long hours you waited to see him on Christmas Eve, the frosty early morning when you woke your family at 6:00 a.m. and stole downstairs to see the miracles that Santa had left for you?

And do you remember the dismal day when a schoolmate told you that there was no Santa Claus, when you wouldn't believe his disbelief, when you told your parents and heard their sad acknowledgement?

So as you grow older you may become disillusioned. Your belief and hope may become doubt and despair as you learn of war, crime, and dishonesty, as you see cheating, disrespect, and cruelty.

Yet through your knowledge of these realities you can develop the wonderful and necessary quality known as understanding, just as through your rejection of the Santa Claus myth, you can comprehend the loving and joyful force called the spirit of Christmas.

Special: Sophomore Driving

Upon hearing the sophomore parking assembly of December 9 described as a "disgraceful, undemocratic farce," *The Shakerite*, as "an expression of student opinion," considers it necessary to set forth the opinions of the student body and its leaders and to explain the purpose of the assembly, the referendum, and the regulation itself.

A vociferous minority of the student body expresses the opinion that the assembly and referendum plan was undemocratic because the opposing side was not represented. They also profess that the vote was a "farce" because it was only a scheme to give the impression that the students had freedom of choice, while the School Board and the Student Council had the only real power in deciding the issue.

Both the opposing minority and the supporting majority of the students seem to desire an explanation. Your student leader, Laurie Osborn, wishes it to be understood that the purpose of the assembly was to inform the students of the problem and the proposed solution, not to present a debate on the issue. The speakers from the Student Council were chosen to express their own ideas. If they seemed to favor the regulation, it was because the facts stacked up in its favor.

After considering solutions dealing with zoning and need, the Board of Education, the police chief, the Executive Board, and the Student Council approved the plan. However the Student Council favored an additional, school-wide vote because it felt that the regulation would gain the students' support and so be more easily enforced. It also wished to give evidence to the School Board that the high school could solve its problems and unite in the support of a necessary and sensible solution.

As to the enforcement of the sophomore driving prohibition, it will probably involve the use of stickers with one set for the



Fifteen 'Cubs' Join The Shakerite Staff

By Marc Green

Though they may have gone unnoticed, a pack of cubs recently invaded Shaker High. But these creatures, you can be assured, were harmless, and have grown into full-fledged *Shakerite* reporters rather than Polar bears.

There were 111 applications received. After arranging private interviews with all of the applicants, 41 students were invited to write as cub reporters on the basis of their past experience, writing ability, willingness to work, and other qualities considered essential for successful journalistic endeavor.

Then the five-week training period began. The cubs wrote one article each week concerning various school functions and activities. Not only were they given the opportunity to show their straight news reporting ability, but they were also asked to write an editorial, and an interview with an historical character.

Each article the cub reporters wrote earned a certain number of points, according to its general quality. Those aspiring journalists who had accumulated the highest point totals at the termination of the training period were awarded positions on the staff.

Those who have earned a place on *The Shakerite* as staff reporters are: Chuck Bailin, Martha Beuret, Mike Frolkis, Beth Glassman, Marc Green, Gayle Henkin, Barbara Katz, Julie Krottinger, Barbara Klopper, Andy Krottinger, Alice Levenson, Nancy Marshall, Don Stanford, Joel Stein, and Charlotte Wood.

Music, Drama, Entertainment Abound Providing Vacation-Time Relaxation

Coming to the rescue of Shakerites wondering what to do with their two weeks of freedom, this reporter has attempted to scout the more promising possibilities of "what to do, where to go" over Christmas vacation.

Drama and Music Lovers

Play House: Brooks Theatre. "The Perfect Alibi," a comedy, starts December 26.

Drury Theatre. "No Time for Sergeants," an outstanding comedy, starts December 26.

Euclid-77th. "To Dorothy—A Son," a comedy, starts December 17.

Karamu: Proscenium. "Mornings at Seven" runs through January 3.

Arena: "Sign of Jonah" starts December 19.

Hanna: "Look Back in Anger," starring Kenneth Haag, starts December 29.

Severance Hall: Jean Fournet, conductor; selections by Saint-Saens, Ravel, Debussy, Dukas, on December 25 and 27.

Cinema Fanciers

Allen Theatre: "Auntie Mame," Broadway sensation starring Rosalind Russell, starts December 25.

Heights Art Theatre: "My Uncle Mr. Hulot," a hilarious French comedy starring Jacques Tati, starts December 25.

Hippodrome Theatre: "Seventh Voyage of Sinbad," starring Kirwin Mathews and Kathryn Grant, starts December 19.

"The Roots of Heaven," starring Errol Flynn, starts December 31.

Loew's Ohio: Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific," starring Rossano Brazzi, Mitzi Gaynor, and John Kerr, is in its ninth month.

Loew's State: "Tom Thumb," starring Russ Tamblyn, starts December 18.

Palace: "South Seas Adventure," filled with scenes from exotic places, is the current Cinerama feature.

Sports Fans

Arena: Cleveland Barons vs. Rochester, December 27. Cleveland Barons vs. Buffalo Bisons, January 3.

Football: Possible Cleveland Browns championship game on T.V., December 28.

Ice-skating: at Northfield Plaza nightly (except Wednesday), 8:30-11:00 P.M.

Bowling: at Kinsman-Lee and Northfield lanes

Those on an Unlimited Budget

Modern Jazz Room and Cabin Club.

Those Who Splurged Last Year:

Radio and T.V. coverage of Times Square activities.

Snowball-fighting

Sophs as Seen By Marc Green

With 39 polling tables reporting in two cafeterias, the trend seemed to show an overwhelming majority of sophomores eating turkey sandwiches on Monday, December 1. Non-conformists included **Roz Spector**, who reports that all the turkey was eaten at her house and therefore she had to bring a "stuffing salad," and **Alice Levenson**, who was seen happily munching a cranberry sandwich. But **Art (Ling Tong) Newman** took the fortune cookie with his mouth-watering combination of turkey, fried rice, and dextrose. Anyone for seconds?

The Soph-o-Poll

What is your New Year's resolution going to be?

"I will resolve to re-resolve all the resolutions I resolved last year."

Barry Gordon

"To take the Christmas tree down before Easter."

"Never to stick my hand in the meat grinder again."

"To stay on my diet and never eat anything fattening except on special occasions (like breakfast, lunch, and dinner)."

"I resolve to 'Semper ubi, sub ubi.'"

Julius Caesar Hochman

Letters to Santa Claus

Santa Dear,

Please rush me a gallon of ruby red Tintair, as my supply is running low.

Love and Kisses,
Linda Katzive

Dear Smoochie,

Many a redhead dyes by her own hand.

Santa
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Santa—

Please send me some pills for Christmas as I am so smart I make myself sick.

Lynn Selker

Lynn—

You aren't really sick; it's all in your head.

Santa
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Dear Mr. Claus,

This is to warn you that if you should use any underhanded tactics in trying to come into my house through the chimney, you will be arrested for breaking and entering. Kindly deposit all toys on the front doorstep.

Trustingly yours,
John Battle
• • •

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a one-way ticket to Detroit.

Penny Wallack

Dear Penny,

Be on your roof-top at 12:00 midnight on Christmas Eve and don't dilly-dally, as the reindeer do not like to be kept waiting. I am sorry that we can only take you as far as Toledo. You know, a Penny doesn't go as far as it used to.

Santa
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Dear Sir,

I have been a good little girl all year long and would like very much to have the record entitled "Balleting to Beethoven with Van Cliburn." To tell the truth, Van really sends me and I go ape over Wolfgang. I mean, like WOW!

Pitter Pratt
• • •

Dear Uncle Santa Claus,

When I went downtown to the big department store and sat on your lap you gave me an orange balloon and a grape flavored lollipop. Does this mean that I won't be getting any other presents for Christmas? If I can have an autographed picture of Kim Novak, you can have the balloon back.

Dear Nephew James,

I may be old, but not that old! Maybe if you included the lollipop we could make a deal.

Uncle Santa
• • •

Dearest Santa,

Member of NSPA, CSPA **The Shakerite**

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Letter to the Editor

November 30, 1958

To the Editors of the *Shakerite*,

After reading your November 26 publication I finally became aware of what I have been reading for two and a half years—not "an expression of student opinion" but an expression of student gossip, pure and unadulterated. I feel that it is time someone on the *Shakerite* wakes to the fact that this paper has had the qualities of an elementary school newspaper produced by fourth graders. Is the *Shakerite* a product of the brilliant study body which is so often bragged about? When one looks at the list of names on the *Shakerite*, he or she is bound to find those same names on the honor roll at the end of each six-week period. It certainly is difficult for me to imagine these same people writing such a gossip sheet.

If the *Shakerite* is supposed to be a newspaper then where is the news, the comments and editorials. Either make the *Shakerite* proud of the fact that it can be an "expression of student opinion" or else remove that motto under the paper and change it to "an expression of student gossip and stale news."

Sincerely,
Christopher von Baeyer

Dear Christopher,

Although your letter concerning the *Shakerite* is sincere in its attempt, your criticism is far from constructive and offers no definite solution.

You seem to forget, or perhaps you do not know, that the news printed in the *Shakerite* is made by the students. The paper's staff can report no more than is accomplished by the student body.

The *Shakerite* exists as a newspaper for the students, and the students in this school seem to be more intrigued with the paper's "gossip" columns than with any other single feature that is offered by the *Shakerite*. Try removing "gossip" from the paper and watch the reaction. The *Shakerite* caters to the tastes of the majority of its readers, not to one individual.

As far as having "stale" news, the *Shakerite* only comes out once every three weeks. If the paper had the whole-hearted support of the student body in our attempts to raise money through the tax stamp drives, the paper might be published more frequently and, consequently, the news would not be "stale."

"Putting out" the *Shakerite* requires a great deal of work,

Parliamentarian Enforces Robert's Rules of Order in Student Council

"Will the meeting please come to order?" This sentence may be heard at any meeting, although many groups do not realize how important parliamentary procedure is. The Shaker Heights Senior High School Student Council, however, fully understands the necessity of parliamentary procedure and appreciates its value.

The Student Council started the year with a training class, in which the president, the vice-president, the treasurers, the parliamentarian, and the adviser informed the council about parliamentary procedure. The parliamentarian, Jim Todd, has followed through by speaking on one aspect of this topic for a few minutes during each council meeting. He must see that the meeting is conducted according to the Student Council's constitution and Robert's Rules of Order, which is the procedure used in the Senate and the House of Representatives. These

bylaws are changed slightly in order to coordinate them with Shaker's constitution.

As a service project of the Student Council, the parliamentary committee has worked out a demonstration of a mock council meeting. Its purpose is to enable groups like the Student Council, Social Council, Y-Teen, Hi-Y, and any other interested groups, to learn, through observation, some of the basic techniques of conducting a democratic business meeting, using accepted rules of parliamentary procedure. There is a question and answer period at the end of the demonstration.

Santa's Mailbox

By Janet Green

Dear Santa,

We kids at Shaker think we've really been awfully good this past year. We want to make your job a bit easier, so we have made the following HINT LIST . . .

Gordon Friedman wants the new '59 Corvette complete with a customized blonde. **Tony Piazza** doesn't care what kind it is; he just wants a car! **Joanie Lipton** would be happy just to get her driver's license, and **Carole Adelstein** needs snow tires for the car she already has.

Irene Parker wants **Kip Cohen**, and **Matt Harris** wants **Leslie Aurbach**. Both prefer to have them wrapped in gold and topped with a big red bow! To **Julie Harston** it does not matter if HE's wrapped or not, she just wants him Tall, Dark, and Handsome!

Johnny Gross wants an addition of 5 inches and 40 pounds, and **Sheldon Artz** will be glad to give him 15 of those 40 pounds. **Terry Goldstein** would love a Stauffer Reducing Machine.

Betty Wade and **Louise Nagusky** have thought of the perfect present—they want **John Fishel**'s brains in history, **Jill Lieder**'s brains in geometry, and **Barbara Diamond**'s figure. **Ruthie Berenberg** would be happy just to get a brain, and **Frank Amato** wants a brief case to carry all his books in (he's got

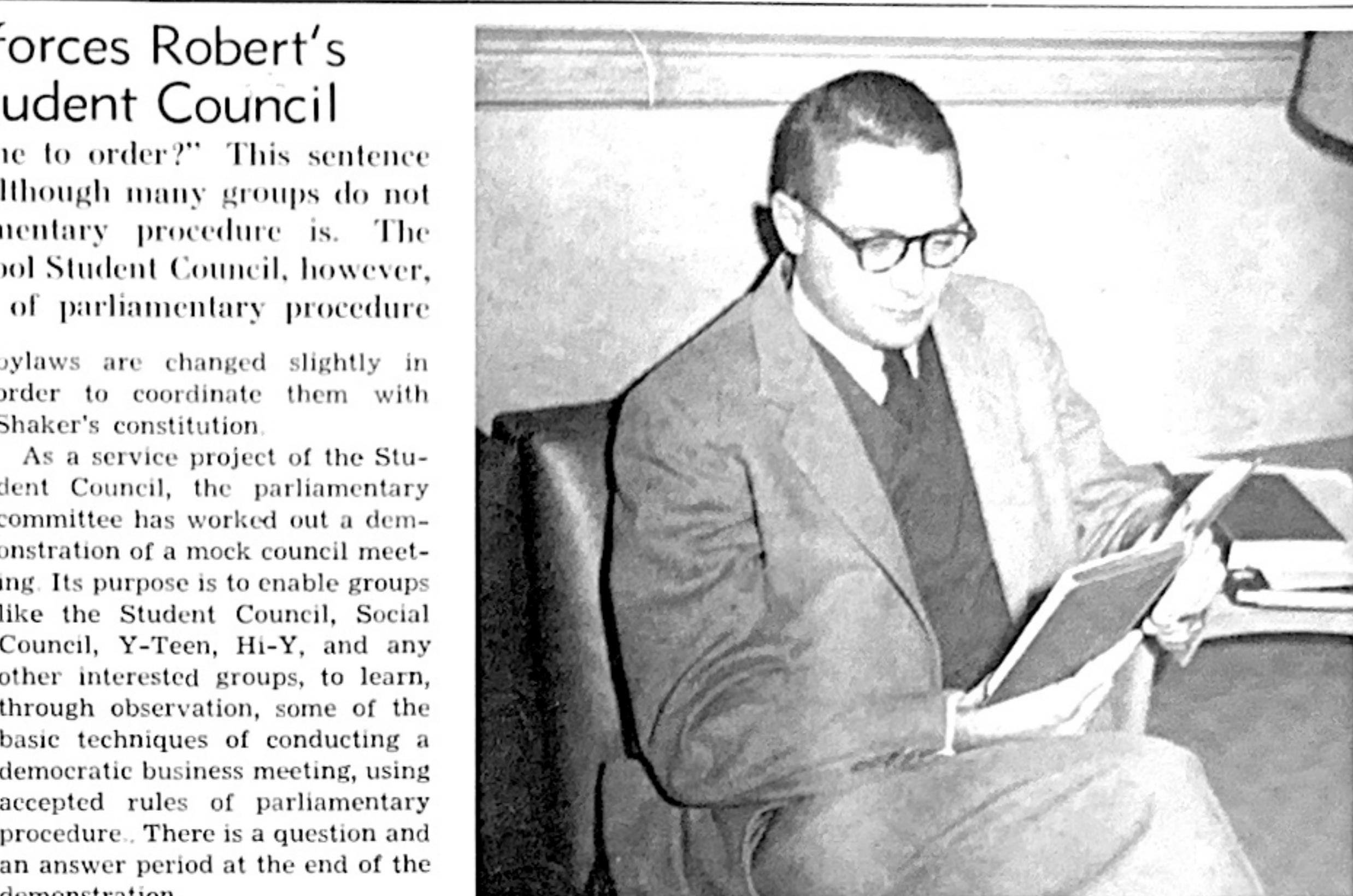
something that is completely disregarded by students such as you. You are cordially invited to observe the *Shakerite* behind the scenes, after which your opinions might have some value.

Sincerely,
Irene Parker

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Mr. Pickering is pictured in a moment of relaxation, catching up on some reading, which is one of his favorite pastimes.

This Is Your Life: Jack Pickering

By Don Stern

"My whole life has been characteristic of a nomadic existence." Most Shaker students would agree to this statement of Jack Pickering's if they were judging on the basis of their seeing him constantly prowling through the halls.

After being graduated from Rayen High School in Youngstown, Ohio, Mr. Pickering enlisted in the Navy Air Corps for two years and attained the rank of A.R.M. 3rd Class. "You can see how great an impression the Navy had upon me, for I don't know what the A.R.M. means."

Taking another sip of his hot, black coffee as we sat in the Social Room, he methodically continued, "I enrolled at Ohio State University for a year and then attended Tulane University for one summer. It was at Ohio University that, 160 credit hours later, I finally received my diploma. I was a wanderer even then."

Mr. Pickering then journeyed to Cleveland and joined the Brush High School staff. Two years later, in 1953, he pitched his tent at Shaker.

Startled when asked to verify reports that he was a difficult teacher, Mr. Pickering, after composing himself, leaned forward in his chair and bantered, "I feel I've been misunderstood. I am filled with an overwhelming love for all humanity and most of the time I think that even students are human beings. So how could I possibly be thought of as anything but a friend of the student?"

As he spoke these last warm words, he vengeancefully kicked the chair adjacent to him.

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Shakerites Combine Work With Play During Busy, Profitable Holiday

By Ruth Calvin

Christmas vacation is the time for fun and relaxation. Most Shakerites use the vacation for just that purpose. A few, however, work either to earn extra money for their Christmas shopping or else just to relieve the boredom of having two weeks off.

Shakerites Judy Greenbaum, Ruthie Berenberg, Eileen Scholnick, Joyce Klein, and Yvonne Rubin will augment the sales force at the May Company starting December 20. Leslie Aurbach, Susie Haskell, and Barb Halle will be added to the payroll list at Franklin Simon's. Carol Synenberg will get her pay and 10 per cent discount at The Halle Brothers Company. Georgia Welch will develop her persuasive talents by selling at Higbee's Department Store during the vacation.

Jan Thomas and Fred Wightman, ex-employees of Woolworth's and The Gun and Tackle Shop, respectively, will return to their old jobs this Christmas. Barry Rich and Kathy Matey will continue their jobs at the Shaker Heights Public Library.

Andy Jarmel, working at a photo supply shop, and Nick Cole, working at Kahn's Drapery Store, both at Van Aken Shopping Center, will be close enough to visit each other during their coffee breaks. Sheila Nathanson and Adele Levine will be in the same area, busily employed by My Darling Daughter.

Marilyn Ward will be working at Fred Ward's Men's Shop. The name is no coincidence, either; the owner of the store is her father! Barbara Siegel will be another of those proverbial bosses' daughters. She will assist her father during the holiday season—for a small fee, of course.

Fran Saul will spend her vaca-



Tobogganing . . .

Alumni Department

As usual Shaker alumni are making names for themselves at college. At this time three boys have compiled a fine record of achievements.

From Dartmouth College comes word that two former Shakerites have been elected to the dormitory governing committees. Robbi Cox, class of 1958, was elected to the committee of Russell Sage Hall and Eric Larson to the committee of Hitchcock Hall. Larson, class of 1957, is also a brother of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, member of the Dartmouth Outing Club, the Dartmouth Corinthian Yacht Club, and the Sophomore Orientation Committee.

Jon Shaw, class of 1958, is a freshman at Cornell University. He is a member of the Cornell Big Red Band which completed its season at the Cornell-Penn football game.

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Art Museum's Assistance Aids Shaker's Courses

At the stroke of a pen or the ring of a telephone, a member of the staff of the Cleveland Museum of Art is prepared to bring information correlating art with regular classroom work.

As Charles Jeffery says, "The Shaker schools maintain a close contact with the Cleveland Museum of Art. Shaker students will remember trips to the Art Museum in grade school and in junior high, and classes in which a Museum staff member has talked to them.

"This same correlation is carried on in high schools. A teacher may ask an Art Museum representative to come to Shaker with slides and other materials relating to English, history, home economics, or foreign language, where the art background is important."

The teachers, themselves, request this service as an unusual and profitable deviation from routine.

The Junior Clan With Stan the Man

Stan the Man Scans the Fans of the Clan

Here's a new twist. Most people spend their time worrying about losing weight, but a boy that I know (L.T.) is forbidden to use the phone until he gains five pounds. His friends don't seem to agree with his parents. To quote, "I don't think 'Skinny' is thin."

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Slapstick comedy is once again the rage at Shaker. During lunch about two weeks ago Sally Gestner, noticing the luscious cream puff on Gordon Gray's plate, said that if she weren't wearing a good sweater she would gladly have someone throw the delicious creampuff in her face. In spite of the sweater, Julie Harston willingly obliged Sally, and all at the table had a good laugh. Unfortunately the cafeteria guard didn't find the incident quite so funny and threatened Julie with three demerits.

Unscramble the Words and Win Nonentity

Ruth, Nile, Ferstman, Nancy, Klein, Conner, Jerry, Harper, Barbara, Nancy, Ellsworth, Tom, Jarmel, Willie, Duppstadt, Bruce, Wren, Andy, Lovshin, Baiman, Leonard, Aidlin, Gleissner, Ish.

Uncle Stan Reviews Required Eleventh Grade Reading

Walled-In by Henry David Thorough—An up-to-date version of Edgar Allan Poe's famous short story in which a man is sealed in a wine chamber by his enemy.

The Grapes of Rath by Stein Beckons—A New England grape grower, Fulluf Rath, finds himself caught up in the 1929 Depression as orange juice replaces grape juice at the breakfast table. Story ends with luckless Rath wining over his cry bottle.

Auto Biography of the Franklin by Henry Furd—This highly informative bit of non-fiction traces the fascinating history of one of America's first automobiles, the Franklin. The book points out that today there exists not a single Franklin. This may be due to the fact that the Franklin Company never developed a brake or steering mechanism for its cars.

Ethan From by Edith Wharpunder—is a gripping spy thriller about Greg Ethan, a Union spy during the Civil War. To complicate matters, one of the Confederate colonels suspects Ethan and asks the penetrating question: "Which side is Ethan From?"

The Scarlet Litter by Nathaniel Scratchthorne—This story is a must for the animal lover. It's all about the Kohner family's afghan hound, Whip, who has a litter of bright red cocker spaniel puppies. The plot thickens when it is discovered that the people next door have a green beagle.

Moe by Dick Mellicity—Moe is the heartwarming story of a big-time Detroit gangster who befriends an innocent country boy. The book comes to a tearful climax when Moe is killed by his own gang's bullets as he shields the farm lad.

Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman—The book is required reading for every biology and chemistry student. In simple language Dr. Whitman explains the amazing method he discovered for making leaves out of common grass.

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A Christmas Dirge

By Stanley Ornstein

It was Friday morning, and Ebenezer Scourge, Shaker High history teacher, sat musing at his desk. From across the hall he could hear the choir singing some Christmas hymns. Agitated, Mr. Scourge ordered one of his pupils to shut the door.

"Why don't they stop that awful noise out there?" Scourge growled.

"But sir," protested the student, "they're practicing for the Christmas program tomorrow night."

"Christmas! Bah! Humbug! You there in the back row! What were you just whispering to your neighbor?"

"I was just commenting what a crusty old fool you are. You are the only teacher that is giving homework over Christmas vacation."

Mr. Scourge turned a bright purple and calmly informed the impudent student that he would have to spend New Year's Eve at Mr. Scourge's house helping to grade tests.

And so it went all through the day. At the beginning of each period he would gleefully rub his hands together and with a toothy smile announce five hours worth of vacation homework. Fourth period made him happiest—that class groaned the loudest.

Being extremely tired when he arrived home that evening, Ebenezer crawled wearily into bed but first wrote a little note to remind himself to add that real dirty trick question to the Final. Soon Mr. Scourge's happy snores filled the dingy little bedroom.

Suddenly Scourge was rudely awakened from his slumber. A heavy clanking of chains was heard outside his door, and then a ghostly figure confronted him.

"Why it's Mr. Winslow, my old Social Studies Department head. YOU'VE BEEN DEAD FOR SEVEN YEARS!! What do you want with me?"

"You will be visited by three spirits," moaned the defunct Mr. Winslow. "Change your ways or suffer as I do for once giving my students homework over vacation."

A voice came from the far corner of the room as Scourge stared at the wisp of smoke that a minute ago had been Winslow.

"I am the Ghost of Christmas Past," ominously stated a dark shape in the corner. "Come with

me to a Christmas party of days gone by."

Suddenly Scourge found himself staring through the windows of the old schoolhouse where he had first begun his teaching at the age of twenty. A handsome youth danced past the window, holding in his arms a girl who was looking up at him lovingly.

"Ye gods!" cried out Scourge. "That was Matilda and I. If only she had married me. But she saw even then what kind of a person I really am. Oh Ghost, take me away from here." But when Scourge turned to plead with the spirit, he realized that it was not the one which had brought him there.

"Come now with me. I am the Ghost of Christmas Present."

"Must I?" argued Ebenezer.

"Have you repented?" queried the Ghost.

"Of course I have. Now please take me back to my room. I have to make up next term's assignments. Spring vacation coming you know. Have to think up a lot of work."

"I think, Mr. Scourge, that you had better come along with me."

Ebenezer now found himself peeking into the household of Russell Ripp, one of his pupils. Inside, all was gay, and the Ripp family was having a wonderful time.

"Look over there in the other room," ordered the Ghost.

"Why, it's Russell," exclaimed Scourge, "and he seems to be working on his history notebook. Good worker, that boy. But why isn't he enjoying himself with the rest of the family?"

"You best know the answer to that. You may now return to the comfort of your bed."

"Now just hold on there, buddy," said Scourge menacingly. "You can't swindle me. I'm supposed to see the Future, too. I know how to deal with cheaters. That will be seventy-nine detentions and a demerit. Now let's see that Future!"

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Kathy's Kaldron

This column has lacked a poetic beginning for quite some time. Any senior who feels that his or her sonnet would be suitable is asked to contact the editors of the Shakerite.

Car Capers:

The members of the Gristmill staff will do anything for a laugh. The combined efforts of **Carol Crowley**, **Roger Goldstein**, and **Dave Howell** nearly managed to bring an Isetta into the main hall recently. What a traffic problem that would have created! **Ralph Karlovec** is really a sports car enthusiast—at the moment he has two at his disposal.

Many "jokers" have been seen recently in a red Impala whose driver possesses an equally fiery colored head of hair. **Barb Truby** finds it quite comfortable in the trunk of **Anne Bloomberg's** car. Didn't you get rather warm, **Barb**?

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Realizing that it's hard to believe every thing that you see and hear—especially when it involves the hidden talents of many of our seniors—we now attempt to answer some questions that may have arisen about the strange happenings in Shaker classrooms.

Why was **Laurie Semple** swinging from the ceiling of the physics room?

Ask **Jeff Schwartz**—he put her there.

What happened to **Dan Jonas**, **Paul London**, and **Bob Kleinman** when the door fell off Room 221?

They really had **Problems** then.

Why was the basket that **Gale Wursthorn** made in her 6th period gym class considered to be quite an accomplishment?

She was playing volleyball at the time!

If We Were Santa's Helpers, We'd:

Present **Mr. Meshenberg** with five hundred ideas and a map of every possible campaign, exploration or territory acquisition ever invented.

Give **Mr. Pickering** jurisdiction over his own County (Raintree, of course).

Buy **Miss Gaylord** a Memory Book.

Award **Mr. Cramer** with a new supply of Examination Blue Books.

Give **Mr. MacKeigan** the Lakewood Bell.

Many seniors are leaving the wilds of Shaker and are trekking to more favorable climates this vacation. Others are going to weather **Cleveland's** storms while pursuing various activities. A group of horse-happy senior boys are journeying to Tropical Park over the holidays. Can't you wait till Ascot Park opens, fellas? **Sharon Feldman** and **Ginny Brook** are going to New York, and **Bobby Appleman** is visiting the Windy City.

Bill Marshall will soon enjoy the balmy breezes of the Bahamas, while **Roger Goldhammer** will journey south to Cuba.

Others plan rather unusual amusements for the holidays. **Arnie Krause** is going to come to school during the vacation recess. **Jerry Ferstman** is going to spend all his time at the shvitz. **Jeff Cole** is going to paint winter scenes on the Newfoundland banks. **Jeff Cole** is going deep into the Colorado night to search for "sloppisms" of light.

Others are going to be busy at various jobs: **Joe Vinci** and **Bill Rees** would love to have you do your Christmas shopping at Taylor's. So would Mr. Taylor. **Penny Reuterdaal** and **Sue McDougald** are brushing up on the finer points of the Dewey Decimal System for their employment at the Shaker Library.

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The Holidays aren't going to be very merry for one member of our class, **Joyce Levine**. Joyce is at Suburban Hospital and will remain there for quite some time. We know that she would appreciate hearing from her classmates.

Donald Hassman will also be in the hospital during the holidays. Cards may be addressed to him in care of Massillon General Hospital.

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Question of the Week

Could **Sheila Kaplan** have worn heels with "Tom Thumb"?

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A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Student Reactions During Security Drill



From l to r: **Dave Dunn** reflects, "Boy, what would've happened if I'd dropped a real bomb now?" **Bill Schoenberger** comments, "Oh, I don't think there's any such thing as a Russian!" **Buddy Semple** and **Larry Scharf** register different expressions on being told that during the drill five teachers were run down by students.

Faculty Members Making Migration For Relaxed, Fun-Filled Vacation

By Judy Hyman

When the 3:30 chimes ring today, most of the members of Shaker High's faculty will head for their cars to begin their long-awaited vacations. Although there are many Shaker teachers who will be content to spend two peaceful weeks at home, there are also many teachers who have planned vacations which will take them to distant spots in search of relaxation.

Taking a leave from beakers and test tubes will be the Chemistry Department's Alfred Lata. Mr. Lata, who will be traveling down to Williamsburg, Virginia, with his wife, plans to rid himself of the ice-covered land of Ohio. Also traveling south, but for a different reason, will be James Snavely of the English Department. Mr. Snavely, who will be married to Miss Marcia King on December 20, is going to spend a sun-filled honeymoon in Bermuda. Atlanta, Georgia will be the destination of Junior English teacher, Miss Grace Graham, who will spend her vacation with one of her friends in the Peach State.

New York City will also claim the attention of several Shaker pedagogues. Honors Math teacher James Bristol will be in New York with his wife to attend the convention of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, which is to be held in the Big City on December 29-30. Sophomore English teacher N. C. Davis will be in New York to spend a quiet vacation with his family. Mr. Davis claims that the bright lights will have no effect on him. Chaperoning the student tour to New York City will be the Physical Education Department's Fred Heinlen and Boys' Dean, Robert Morris and their wives. The Heinlens and the Morrises, along with their charges, will take in many of the dazzling sights of New York City.

Journeying to spend the holidays with their families will be English teacher George Starr, biology teacher Louis Sturm, math teacher, Fred Holzhauser and the Latin Department's Mrs. Catherine Shirk. Mr. Starr will return to his home town of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sturm plans to visit relatives in Russellville, Ohio. Mr. Holzhauser is anticipating his visit with his family in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, while Mrs. Shirk admits that she is "returning to the hills" to spend her vacation with her family in St. Clairesville, Ohio.

Spanish teacher Miss Dorothy Siley will be spending her vacation at home, taking care of her

Christmas Tree Adorned By Skillful Shakerites

Climaxing the preparations being made for the coming holiday season was the all-school Christmas tree decorating party. Decorated just in time for the first holiday activity, the student open house, the tree assumed its annual importance as the focal point of Christmas decorations.

There was plenty of work for anyone wishing to trim the tree. The tree was set up in the Social Room, its traditional home. Immediately after school on Friday, December 12, work commenced.

Ornaments of all shapes, colors, and sizes were first to be placed on the tree. Highlighting these were some of the fine handmade ornaments contributed by a few of the students.

When all agreed on the arrangement of the ornaments, the final touch of tinsel was added. Everyone grabbed some tinsel, and there was much funmaking while the tree was adorned. When decorating had been completed, the red and blue spot-lights were turned on, officially ending the party and welcoming the holiday atmosphere.

Girls' Sports Spark

By Nancy Stark

Wading through puddles and sliding in mud, the seniors successfully defended their title as inter-class champs as they tromped the juniors to bring a sloppy end to the 1958 hockey season.

Members of the championship inter-class team are Mary Baldwin, Paula Bodwell, Karen Dolch, Pat Faragher, Hilary Hartman, Joan Hober, Marcia Horak, Virginia Inglis, Diana Mapes, Pam Patton, Captain Laurie Semple, Harriett Slater, and Nancy Stark.

Following the close of the season of each girls' sport, an All-Star Team is chosen by the staff. The purpose of these teams is to honor and command the best players in that sport from all three classes. The following girls compose this year's Hockey All-Star Team: Mary Baldwin, Paula Bodwell, Busy Boorse, Karen Dolch, Pat Faragher, Joan Hober, Marcia Horak, Pam Patton, Laurie Semple, Harriett Slater, and Anita Smith. Honorable mention goes to Char Edwards, Judy Forward, Sue Getzendanner, Diana Mapes, and Donna Schroeder.

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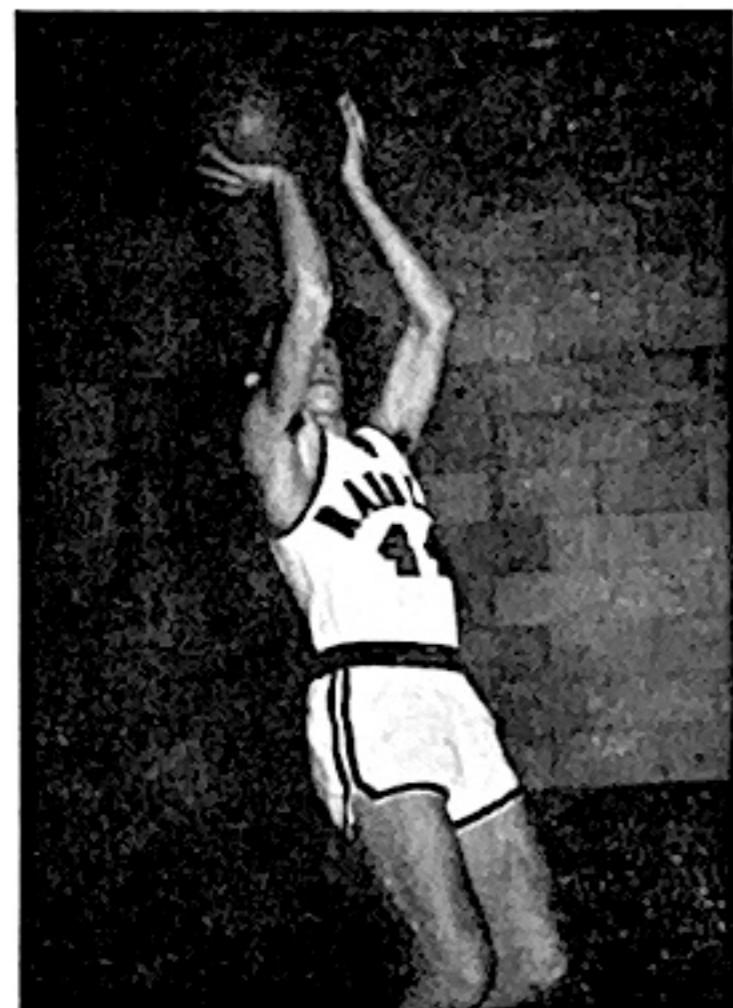
In a hard-fought swimming match, the Shaker Heights High School aquamen were defeated in their opening contest of the year. Although the Raiders took six firsts in ten events, the tankmen of Euclid came through with six seconds and an equal number of thirds to edge the Shaker Natators, 46-40.

This exciting meet was held Friday December 5, at Euclid High School. The first event was the 50-yard freestyle race which was won by French of Euclid with a time of 26.1. Shaker's Tom Stevens took Second place with a time of 26.0. The 100-yard butterfly was won by the Panthers as was the 200-yard freestyle race. Al Woodruff of the Raiders took first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1.11.0. Dave Beeson, also of Shaker, triumphed in the 100-yard freestyle in the time of 58.4. At the conclusion of these five events it was Shaker 17, Euclid 28.

The second half of the meet started as Bob Waldo of Shaker streaked to victory in the 100-yard breastroke. Captain Mike Wolland took first place in diving as did Laurie Osborn in the 150-yard individual medley race. The ninth race was the 200 yard medley relay which Euclid won. Shaker's 200-yard relay team consisting of Bill Baumel, Dave Beeson, Laurie Osborn, and Tom Stevens won the last event in 1:45.8.

Repel Redmen

Tonight the Shaker Red Raider basketball squad goes after a victory over the tough Parma Redmen. The game should be a real thriller for the Shaker rooters, for their team is out to take this game and the Raiders will put on a real show. All Shakerites who are looking for some good weekend entertainment should get hold of their dates and show up at Parma to back up their team.



Hotshot Dick Balazs lets fly with one of his deadly jump-shots.

The Spectator By Larry Kahn

It seems a lot of disappointed Shakerites came away from the Lakewood basketball game. They really wanted their team to win the game. Well, I'm not sure just what they expected from our boys.

The Lakewood squad is taller than our team and therefore had the initial advantage. This means that they probably would control the backboards, and that the Raiders would have to make their shots count. Another factor that figures in is that the Lakewood court is quite a bit different than ours in several respects. This means that it is difficult for our players to judge their shots well.

Keeping these facts in view, the Shaker rooters should have realized that our boys would have to hit on an extraordinarily high percentage of their shots to take the game. They did not.

The disappointment was closer to shock at the result of the Shaker-Euclid swimming meet. Our swimming team apparently has spoiled the fans over the years with their consistently good performances. I think the big question was whether or not this was a foreshadowing of our future success in the L.E.L., District, and State Meets. Mike Wolland, team captain, has indicated that the loss is not an indication of weakness. Wolland went on to explain that the preparations in entering a swimming squad in a meet is comparable to a baseball manager picking his starting lineup. A misjudgment on whether or not to stack a certain relay team may mean the outcome of a meet. Therefore, don't judge our mermen too quickly—for it's a long way to the end of the season.

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I think that the old adage of "practice makes perfect" is illustrated well in Glen Golenberg's methods. In many sports, individuals who stand out are often those who make a year-round activity out of it. Golenberg has spent the best part of many of his junior and senior high school days practicing basketball. In the first two games of his senior year, Golenberg has a 20.5 point average.

This certainly is not to slight our other co-captains, Dick Balazs and Jack Sander, who are at their slickest this season.

Incidentally, if "Stick" Oviatt would get a little tougher on those rebounds, we would be seeing a lot more of him in the games.

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Shaker Falls to Lakewood Rangers, Beats Brush Arcs as 'Goggles' Stars

By Pete Gibbon

After toppling a scrappy Brush quintet 67-59, the Shaker High basketball team, hampered by their perennial lack of height, dropped their L.E.L. opener 65-47 to a strong Lakewood squad Friday, December 5, on the Ranger court.

A tight defense and good back-court shooting kept the Raiders right behind Lakewood during the first half, but the overwhelming height difference finally gave the Rangers a wide margin of victory. Early in the third quarter the Raiders pulled within six points of the Rangers but that was as close as they could come as Lakewood took a commanding 48-32 lead at the end of that quarter.

Lakewood's solid zone defense forced Shaker sharpshooters' Golenberg, Sander and Balazs to constantly attempt their field goals from the outside and this greatly lessened the Raiders' potency. The rebounding strength of the Rangers enabled them to take two shots to every Shaker shot and as a result the score stood at 47-65 as the final buzzer sounded. Glen Golenberg found the twenty point range for the second week in a row to account for nearly half of Shaker's 47 points.

The previous week at Brush proved a much brighter story for Coach Heinlen's five. Jumping to a 33-27 half-time lead, the Raiders were never behind in gaining their first win. Excellent shooting and surprisingly good rebounding gave Shaker quarter leads of 17-16, 33-27, 51-43, and enabled the Raiders to record a 67-59 victory in their season debut. Co-captains Golenberg, Balazs, and Sander scored 21, 16, and 14 points respectively to lead the Shaker barrage.

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Jack Sander eyes the basket while practicing for tonight's game.

Experience is definitely Shaker's forte this year. Golenberg, Balazs and Sander were all regulars on last year's team and should prove invaluable in the Raider's quest for a winning season. Football star Ippolito and junior Bo Schneider round out the quintet, while Chuck Savoca, Mike Marino, Bill Toth and Rick Oviatt have also seen action in the past two games. With only Oviatt considered tall by basketball standards, the Shaker squad is expected to rely heavily on deadly backcourt shooting and a tight defense for a successful season.

The Shaker Junior Varsity edged Brush 24-23 in their opening game but were dropped by Lakewood 37-30. Coach Sanna's starting quintet is composed of Tom Glantz, Chuck Cianciolo, Tom Stone, Gary Golenberg, and George Roth.

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